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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Site Inspection, Unico, Inc., Deer Trail Mine, S/031/003, Piute County, Utah

Date of Inspection: April 13, 2000
Time of Inspection: 8:00 a.m.
Conditions: Cloudy
Participants: Dan Proctor, Operator; and Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To evaluate site conditions and determine current disturbed area acreage.

On January 13, 2000 the Division received a copy of Unico's current plan of operations for the Deer Trail Mine. This copy was sent to the Division by the Fishlake National Forest. This plan did not differ significantly from the previously accepted Notice filed with the Division, with the exception that a small screen plant was proposed on the upper area (patented lands). Prior to this inspection, the Division had contacted Mr. Dan Proctor to discuss how Unico would be able to stay a small mining operation, given that nearly 5 acres of mining related disturbance currently exists at the site. Mr. Proctor indicated that there may be small areas that could be reclaimed and had requested this inspection to determine to what extent reclamation would be need to take place to maintain a small mining operation.

During this inspection, a GPS unit was used to determine the current disturbed area acreage. Approximately 0.75 acres of disturbance was created to widen the access road between the lower and upper sites. There is approximately 0.35 acres of disturbance at the upper site, and 2.4 acres (of the 4.0 acres) of the lower site that is used for mining activity (the remaining 1.6 acres of the lower site is the old dump area that was disturbed pre-law and is not considered part of the current permit). A total of 3.5 acres of mining related disturbance is currently associated with this site. Mr. Proctor indicated that maybe as much as an additional 0.5 acres would be disturbed at the upper site. With this in mind, the site would still be considered a small mining operation.

Mr. Proctor also expressed concern about the old dump and would like to perform reclamation activities to clean up this area. In discussing this proposal, it was suggested that if a letter was sent to the Division outlining the reclamation and cleanup that would take place, and stating that the area would not be used for the current operations (including reprocessing of any of the dump material), that the Division would not consider this as part of the active operation.

Several photos were taken to document site conditions.

cc: Steve Winslow, USFS
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